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| First named inventor; Levergood et al. | | |
| Application No.: 09/005,479 | Art Unit: 2145 | |
| Filed: January 12, 1998 | Examiner: Patrice | e Winder |
| Title: INTERNET SERVER ACCESS CONTROL AND | MONITORING SYSTEMS | |
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Statement in Support of Petition to Revive Application

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This statement by the attorney of record is submitted in support of the petition to revive this application for unintentional abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

Applicants first became aware that this application was considered to be abandoned by the U.S.P.T.O on November 23, 2005, during an interview between the attorney of record, Mr. Cochran, and Examiner Patrice Winder. (*See*, Interview Summary dated November 23, 2005, Tab A hereto) Prior to November 23, 2005, the status of this application was unknown to the Applicants, and also to Examiner Winder.

A notice of appeal was filed in this application on September 30, 2004, by the prior attorney of record, Mr. Peter Zura (Reg. No. 48,196). At the same time that this notice of appeal was filed, Mr. Zura contacted Examiner Winder to discuss the final office action, the advisory action and a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 that had been submitted by the applicants to overcome the reference applied in the final office action. During a prior interview, Examiner Winder had suggested that if the declaration were supplemented to provide additional evidence of reduction to practice that it would likely be considered to overcome the reference cited in the final office action. (See, Interview Summary Record dated September 13, 2004, Tab B) A supplemental 1.131 declaration was submitted by Mr. Zura on September 30, 2004, along with the notice of appeal. Mr. Zura believed that Examiner Winder would consider this supplemental evidence and either issue a notice of allowance or another office action.

Following these submissions, no action was taken by Examiner Winder on the application. Mr. Zura contacted Examiner Winder on numerous occasions to inquire about the status of the application and to confirm that the final rejections would be withdrawn in view of the supplemented declaration. During these conversations, Examiner Winder indicated that certain delays in the IFW system were preventing her from considering the application. On the basis of these numerous interviews, conversations and understandings regarding the final office action and the supplemented declaration, Mr. Zura did not file an appeal brief in response to the notice of appeal filed on September 30, 2004. These facts are memorialized in a paper submitted by Mr. Zura on April 29, 2005, Tab C, hereto, which resulted from a telephone conference with Examiner Winder in which she requested that Mr. Zura file said paper.

Responsibility for this application was transferred from Mr. Zura to Mr. Cochran, the present attorney of record, around the end of May, 2005. Mr. Cochran immediately reviewed the

file, noted that the appeal brief had not been filed by the due date of April 30, 2005, and contacted Examiner Winder to discuss the status of the case. At that time Examiner Winder was unable to determine the status of the application, again due to certain delays in the IFW system process for scanning the file.

As noted in the Interview Summary dated November 23, 2005, Mr. Cochran proceeded to diligently and consistently contact Examiner Winder in order to determine the status of the application. For several months Examiner Winder was unable to determine the status of the application. Finally, Mr. Cochran suggested that Examiner Winder contact an SPE in order to get assistance in determine the case status, which she did some time in November, 2005. The result of this consultation was that Examiner Winder determined that the U.S.P.T.O considered the case to be in an abandoned status and she communicated that information to Mr. Cochran during the November 23, 2005 interview.

The above facts demonstrate that at all times the Applicants and their attorneys-of-record have made *bona fide* attempts to continue to prosecute this application, and that the application was unintentionally abandoned. Therefore, the petition to revive should be granted.

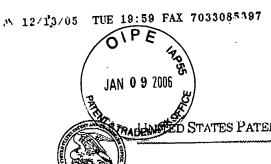
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| (2) Dave Cochran. | (4) | |
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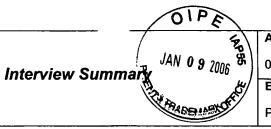
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: This interview followed the interview for 09/548,235, 09/548,237 and 09/580,916. Again, it was assumed that the agreements reached concerning the affidavits would be applicable to this application. Thus, all the issues of the present application were resolved in the previous discussion. The following is a summary of the prior interview (09/548,235) concerning the affidavits.

Applicant initiated the interview; the purpose of the interview in general was reduce the issues associated with the

application. The following is a summary of the points raised by applicant's representative Jeffrey Canfield.

First, we discussed the rejection of applicants 1.131 affidavit that was rejected by the examiner in the previous office action. The examiner explained that in order to "use reduction to practice" in affidavit then applicant would need to provide evidence of the reduction to practice. Applicant asked whether the examiner would consider the computer program code included in the disclosure as evidence. The examiner responded that it could be considered if applicant was able to point relevant modules of being relied upon as evidence.

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SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the Advisory Action dated September 27, 2004, and supplement the response filed on September 30, 2004. In the response, Applicants submitted a declaration by George Winfield Treese that swears behind the Kahan reference.

When the response dated September 30, 2004 was filed, a telephonic interview was conducted with the Examiner in a bona fide attempt to advance prosecution of the application, and where the contents of the affidavit were discussed. It was agreed during the Interview that the affidavit would overcome the cited documents. Furthermore, as the Advisory Action was mailed only 3 days before the statutory bar date, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal to maintain pendency of the Application.

However, since that time, no action has been taken by the USPTO on the merits of the application. It was further learned through numerous telephone discussions with the Examiner, that EFW delays were preventing the application from being considered. To date, Applicants have not filed an Appeal Brief in reliance on the aforementioned telephonic interviews that assured Applicants that the rejection would be withdrawn.

Applicants maintain that the declaration of George Winfield Treese overcomes the cited documents, and provides sufficient evidence of conception and diligent reduction to practice to support the §1.131 affidavit. In the telephonic interview conducted April 28, 2005, the Examiner Appl. No. 09/005,479

requested Applicants to submit these remarks to memorialize the contents of the aforementioned discussions.

In light of these extraordinary circumstances, Applicants respectfully and earnestly request a prompt examination on the merits. The current delays by the USPTO have caused Applicant to unnecessarily absorb fees, and may potentially prejudice the application as a whole.

If there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Peter Zura at (312) 807-4208 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case. If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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